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TREATMENT



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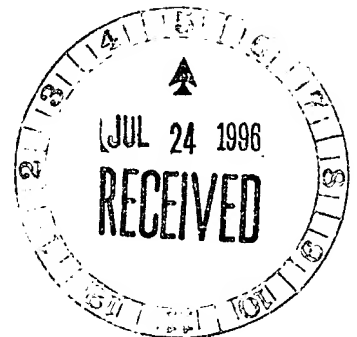
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July 22, 1996

Honorable Commissioner of  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the official action mailed May 24, 1996.

Reconsideration is requested on the basis of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 3-9, 11-16, 18-19, 21-25 and 35-36 are in the case. It is noted, with appreciation, that the previous rejection under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs, has been withdrawn.

**I. THE INTERVIEW**

At the outset, the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner (Mr. Buttino) and his supervisors (Mr. Shah and Mr. Gupta) for kindly agreeing to conducting a personal interview on this application. The interview was held on June 18, 1996, and the courtesies extended by the Examiner and his supervisors